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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 53080

Tsumoru OHATA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 6449

Application No.: 10/551,934 : Group Art Unit: 1745

Filed: October 04, 2005 : Examiner: LEE, CYNTHIA K

For: LITHIUM ION SECONDARY BATTERY

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of December 13, 2006 wherein restriction has been required, Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1, 5, 7, 13, 14, 16-36), further elect Species I-b (claims 14, 20, 26, and 36 readable thereon) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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